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HONGKONG, 14th August, 1901

THE home papers which reached us by
Monday's mail have much to say about the
question at issue between the Admiralty
and the Navy League in the matter of
Britain's Mediterranean fleet. In reply,
indirectly, to the League's manifesto, and
to a direct question from Lord Spencer,
Lord Selborne on the 5th ult. made a
long and important statement before the
House of Lords, which attracted at once a
great amount of attention both in England
and abroad. The real gist of the Navy
League's enquiry lay in the question, Is
the British Mediterranean squadron strong
enough to do its work in war? Lord
Selborne's reply to this query was as
follows: "If I am asked whether I am
satisfied that the Mediterranean squadron
"at its peace strength is able to meet any
possible combination which could be
brought against it, that combination being
"at war strength, of course, I should not
be satisfied; though on its peace footing
"I am quite confident the Mediterranean
"squadron would inflict enormous damage
"on any force that attacked it. But why
"should it have to meet a combination on
"a war footing, being itself on a peace
"footing? I say with the fullest possible
"sense of my responsibility that the Medi-
"terranean fleet on its war footing would
"be absolutely adequate to any task which
"so far as we can foresee can be assigned
"to it." Lord Selborne went on to scout
the idea that the Mediterranean squadron
should be kept permanently on a war foot-
ing, and continued: "I have never heard
"any responsible person yet make such a

suggestion. The question is, What pro-
"portion of the war strength should be
"maintained in peace? ... I associate
"myself with Earl Spencer, deeply regret-
"ting the attempt made to cause a panic."

It is of course nothing new for the Navy
League to have the word "panic" thrown
in its teeth, and as we have previously
said the accusation of being unduly
alarmist is not altogether unjust. However,
on this particular point as to the strength
of our squadron in the Mediterranean, some

remarks in the last issue to hand of the
Naval and Military Record are worth quo-
tation. Our service contemporary says:

"The complaint that the so-called scare
"about the condition of the Mediterranean
"fleet is due to a Navy League and news-
"paper conspiracy is especially unfair,
"because everyone knows that the defects
"of the fleet, which form the basis of this
"agitation, are admitted to have been set
"forth by the Naval Commander-in-Chief,
"and by the Rear-Admiral second in com-
"mand. Since there is no denial of this,
"the League and the newspapers have
"simply voiced the opinion of those best
"qualified to state the case, and have given
"the country the benefit of information
"which would otherwise have been kept
"from them." The *Record* deplores the fact
that the weapons of agitation have to be
used before officials can be induced to attend
to affairs vital to the Empire's existence,
but points out that time and again has it
been found necessary for public-spirited
men and the newspapers to take up arms
against the Admiralty and the War Office.

The *Record* at the same time, commenting
on the fact that the Navy League has lately
held up to admiration the German Navy
League, with its 600,000 subscribers, and
an income of £100,000 a year, asks: "Does
"the fact that Englishmen, quite as proud
"of their navy as the Germans are of theirs,
"hold aloof from our own Navy League
"stand for nothing? Is there not a
"suspicion that while the German League
"supplies solid, reliable information,
"our Navy League is too prone to
"ghost-stories? The Navy League is
"essentially a patriotic body, oppressed
"with good intentions. We are not un-
"grateful, however, to the Navy League."

Let us hope that the League will
"return to its charter, which was to instruct
"the youth of the country, especially in
"rural districts, as to what the navy has
"been, and is, and not to teach the Admir-
"alty how to organise fleets and build
"ships." We should not have thought,
nevertheless, that the Admiralty, even on
the showing of its own apologists, was above
learning from the League on certain points,
and that Lord Selborne should have been
at pains to make so careful a statement as
he did in the House of Lords last month is
in itself a testimony to the truth of this.

The comments of the Continental Press
on the agitation in England with regard to
the fleet are interesting reading, and the
views taken are very diverse. The *Neue
Nachrichten* of Berlin, for instance, thinks
that Lord Selborne's statement confirms
the fact that Great Britain is no longer able
to meet all the demands which hidden
contingencies make upon her navy. The
Paris Temps, on the other hand, sees
in the agitation the hand of the Jingo,
and says: "The truth is the people are
"trying by every kind of means, legiti-
"mate or illegitimate, to start one of those
"waves of public opinion which force the
"hands of the Government and Parliament."
In short the idea is to obtain a new and
"gigantic scheme of naval construction at
"a time when a great war is absorbing and
"exhausting the resources of the taxpayers."

It is not unnatural that the foreign Press
has found it hard to make out the exact
state of affairs when they have to gather
their facts from utterly conflicting state-
ments, and when the home Press is much
divided over the question. The *Times*, it
may be remarked, lectures the Navy League
with some severity and says that the one
condition to the validity of Lord Selborne's
defence is that the Admiralty is doing its
duty and is fully alive to its vast and
onerous responsibilities. If that condition
is satisfied, and if the country is convinced
that it is satisfied, the situation in the
Mediterranean disappears from public view.
It is not, the *Times* continues, at the bid-
ding of a few "sea-gallies" as Lord
Spencer called them, that the country will
disestablish the Admiralty and install the
Navy League in its place. The Navy
League, however, has grown used to receiv-
ing as well as delivering lectures, and it is
better than even unfounded agitations should
occasionally be started than that the public
should be allowed to become utterly apathetic.
At the same time, the Navy League
would strengthen its position vastly were it
more careful to avoid the reproach of
occasional hysteria. In its indictment of
the state of the Mediterranean squadron it
drew attention to some genuine defects.
The general overstatement of the case only
tended to obscure these points.

No fresh plague cases or deaths were reported
during the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday.

The British transports *Caulfield* and *Claverley*
arrived yesterday from Weihaiwei and
Calcutta respectively.

The minute-gun firing in the Harbour, led
by H.M.S. *Tamar*, commenced at 5.30 p.m.
yesterday, on account of the Empress Frederick's
funeral.

Apart from the 10 cases of plague (6 in
Victoria, 4 outside), with 12 deaths, last week
there were not reported any cases of commu-
nicable disease in the Colony.

The R.W.F. will play the 38th Co., S.D.
R.A., in the second round of the Hongkong
Water Polo Shield Competition to-day at the
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she stranded, and the only damage received has
been an injury to her windlass. The hull was
untouched.

Private Tierney, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, died
in hospital yesterday morning from remittent
fever. A day or two ago, in a fit of delirium,
the deceased, jumped from the verandah of the
hospital to the ground, a distance of about
fifteen feet. A mangled, however, broke his
fall, and he suffered no injury. The funeral
takes place to-day.

The transport *Chinglin*, which arrived yester-
day from the North, has on board a number of
Indian troops, including a company of pom-pom
artillery. The remainder of the Siege Train
(15th Company, Southern Division, Royal
Garrison Artillery), who have been encamped
at Kowloon, embarked on the troopier. The
Chinglin left yesterday evening with the *Idole*
for Calcutta.

The Netherlands Consul-General, M. Droeze,
informed us yesterday that the quarantine
regulations which were in force in the Netherlands
India against arrivals from this port on
account of small-pox are now withdrawn, the
quarantine regulations on account of plague
still remaining in force. It is curious to think
that we have been in quarantine for small-pox,
so very long after the occurrence of the last
case.

Sir Edward Sassoon is forwarding to Mr.
Chamberlain a considerable amount of docu-
mentary evidence, with the view of proving the
existence in the colonies of a strong feeling in
favour of reserving to the State a right of
purchasing the Cape to Australia cable. Such
a reservation would not be novel, since it was
adopted in the case of the Singapore and
Hongkong cable, and is familiar to local
authorities who desire to buy up tramway and
electric light undertakings after the lapse of a
number of years.

Last night the closing performance of the
Australian Vanderville and Specialty Co. duly
came off at the Theatre Royal, when a good
house assembled to bid our visitors good-bye.
Once more the whole of the lower part of the
building was full of enthusiastic listeners,
and encores were the order of the night,
while the bouquet, such a feature of Hongkong
theatrical entertainments, was much in evidence.

Miss Beatrice Wade, the Misses Ruby and
Annie Moore, Miss Verne and Miss Forde all
won much applause with their singing. Miss
Virginia Rosser sang and danced excellently, and
the Sisters Linwood were energetic as ever.
Mr. Horley was in his best form, as was Mr.
Rowley, and Mr. Cullen was heard to advantage.
While in the second part of the programme
Professor Davis added to his reputation as a
clever conjurer. The performance closed at a
late hour. It only remains to wish our parting
guests a good voyage on the *Kunming* to-day
and a successful season down South.

The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. *Kiowang*,
Capt. A. W. Outbridge, reports as follows:—
August 1st, 11.30 a.m.—Left Choofoo for Hong-
kong with a light southerly wind and weather
cloudy off N.E. Promontory, passing through
a belt of fog which cleared away with wind
freshening. Found wind gradually backing
round to S.E. and S.E.E. and increasing rapidly
as ship drew to the southward. August 3rd,
2.30 a.m.—Blowing a hard gale from E.S.E.
with a mountainous pyramidal cross swell from
S.S.E. to East. Considered a typhoon was pass-
ing to southward of ship, so hoisted with head
East. Barometer 29.69. At 4.30 p.m. wind
and sea moderating, kept ship her course again
till noon the next day, when, finding sea and
wind increasing rapidly again, gave way for
shelter, very heavy E.S.E. sea flooding decks.
Lt. 3 miles, anchoring at 11.30 under Elliot
Island. August 5th, 11.50 a.m.—Barometer
29.53, lowest reading. Hove up anchor and
proceeded to typhoon harbour under Tsu San
Island, arriving there 3.49 p.m. Heavy squalls
S.S.E., force of wind 9 to 11 with rain through-
out the night, blowing with terrific violence.
August 6th.—Strength of squalls gradually
moderating, weather improving and barometer
rising. At 3 p.m. hove up anchor and pro-
ceeded 6.40 through Steep Island Bar, then, to Tung
Yang, fresh to moderate S.E. by winds with
break sea.—Tung Yang to Amoy. Moderate
to light variable winds and showers; arriving
at 7.40 a.m. on the 9th inst. At 3.5 p.m. left
Amoy again. Light variable winds and fine
weather to port; anchoring in Junk Bay at
9.30 p.m. on the 10th. Hongkong Harbour
11th at 7.10 a.m. all well.

The Manila Municipal appointments were
announced by the Governor on the 7th inst.,
and the officers appointed took the oath of office.

Mr. Shields, until lately Customs Collector
at Jolo, P.I., has been appointed Disbursing
Officer to the Government at Manila. He is
succeeded at Jolo by Major Sims, formerly of
the 11th Cavalry, U. S. V.

A great source of wealth in the Philippines
will prove to be the thousands of acres of
timber-land. It is calculated that the islands
possess one thousand varieties of useful woods.
The Forestry Department has so far classified
and listed 665.

Heavy rains have caused considerable damage
to the Manila railway line, and interfered sorely
with the traffic. A trestle-bridge built across
the Bamban river, to carry traffic while the big
iron bridge is under reconstruction, has been
washed away. Passengers going either way have
to walk three miles before they can re-enter the
train again.

A fierce struggle is said to be going on in
Jolo, P.I. Dattoes Calve and Yokainin have
openly defied their ruler, the Sultan of Jolo,
and taken to the mountains with their followers.
The Sultan went after them, and some vigorous
hand-to-hand conflicts have taken place. The
Sultan's party so far has proved victorious.
It is expected that in a few weeks more he will
have subdued his recalcitrant dattos.

The insurgent-general Makar has again
changed his mind, and refuses to consider the
question of surrender to United States author-
ity. He has issued a proclamation exhorting
his countrymen to kill or General Cailles, who
surrendered to the Americans. He anathe-
matizes the Federal party, forbids single men to
marry, arranges for the insurgents to sell the
Philippines to some foreign power, etc. Such
are a few of the hairbrained schemes of this
invertebrate rebel to rouse his people to continued
resistance against the Americans.

The heat wave that caused so much suffering
in America arrived in London last month, and
strange sights (from a City point of view) were
witnessed in the streets. In New Oxford
Street the coolest man in town was to be seen.
He was a portly Frenchman, attired from head
to foot in white duck. On his head was the
latest Paris fashion in straw top-hats. In his
right hand he held a large white umbrella,
with a green lining. He caused much amuse-
ment—and envy. A good second was a
gentleman in Hyde Park in a white drill vest
and trousers, over which he wore the regulation
frock-coat and silk hat. What a stir a man
wearing a topie would have caused!

Writing of "the Rock" and the question of
its inalienability, Mr. S. L. Bonasani says in
the *Daily Mail*:—Little more than a year ago
in course of conversation with a gentleman,
whose knowledge of the Mediterranean question
in all its bearings is complete, the question of
Gibraltar was raised. "I am astonished," he
said to me, "to find that Great Britain and
Spain hold views about the Rock that are
diametrically opposed. In your country the
fortress is regarded as the key to the Mediter-
ranean; in Spain we believe it would be of
little use in time of a war in which our country
was hostile. Quick-drying guns of modern range
and velocity have altered the situation that
obtained when Gibraltar was taken from Spain.
To-day the latest wire guns on the top of the
Rock can throw shell into Centa, some fourteen
miles away across the Straits; but nobody seems
to remember that guns of the like calibre can
operate from the hills on the Spanish coast."

The Chatham correspondent of the *Naval and
Military Record*, writing of the departure of
H.M.S. *Albion* for the China Station, says:—
It is considerably more than four years since
the keel-plate of the *Albion* was laid down,
so that as far as rapidity of construction is
concerned there is nothing remarkable about
the vessel. But since being delivered here her
progress has been particularly rapid. She is
fitted with the latest improvements in gunnery
and machinery, and her internal fittings are
of the most improved type. In addition to
the usual economies she is fitted with special
evaporators for using up exhaust steam. The
heat obtained from these is utilised to work
the auxiliary machinery, whereby the con-
sumption of coal is materially decreased and
the efficiency of the boilers increased. She is
also supplied with Marconi's wireless tele-
graphy apparatus, and it is stated that she
will be the first vessel on the China station
possessing this method of signalling. Alto-
gether the *Albion* has left Chatham a credit
to the Dockyard and the nation.

Mr. Brodrick, speaking on the 10th ult., at
the 15th annual banquet of the National Union
of Conservative Associations, made the follow-
ing reference to China:—Those who say that
the Government are afraid of their responsi-
bilities may perhaps have forgotten or overlooked
that, with this great charge upon us, a charge
out of all proportion to what anybody expected,
there was suddenly forced upon us the duty
of maintaining our trade in China—[to which
every other nation in the world which was
interested could give its undivided attention,
and to which we were determined that if we
had to enter the lists at all—which lists we
did not open—Great Britain should not take
a second place to any other Power.—I think,
when the history of China comes to be written,
it will be found that we came out of that
struggle without any indication that we had
any interest in South Africa which prevented
us putting out our fullest strength. I should
like here to pay a tribute to the Governor-
General and Government of India for the way
in which they interpreted their Imperial ob-
ligations in the wisest sense and made it
possible for us by their assistance to show
how immense and world-sweeping was the
influence which Great Britain can bring to
bear on any part of the globe.

The charter for the City of Manila came into
effect on the 7th inst.

During the year ended on the 1st inst., 121
murders and outlaws were hung in the
Philippines.

The following appointment has been an-
nounced at the Admiralty:—Lieut. A. W. Kerr
to the *Glory*, July 15th.

The *London and China Express* of the 12th
ult. contains a strong and on the whole just
appreciation of H.E. Tao Ma, Viceroy of the
Kwang provinces.

The Russian Imperial Geographical Society
is sending an expedition to the Pamirs under
the leadership of Dr. Fedashenko, a University
teacher.

Captain Mortimer O'Sullivan was due to be
the guest of the Manchester Chamber of
Commerce at the end of the month, at dinner,
and to deliver an address on the China Question.

M. de Witte has postponed his projected
visit to Manchuria until next spring, partly
on account of his health and partly because
of the state of the country. He spends the
summer at Wiesbaden.

Inspector-General J. W. Fisher, service
papers state, is to be relieved of the medical
charge of the Royal Naval Hospital at Plymouth
by Inspector-General T. Bolster on his return
home from the China station, where he gained
much practical experience during the war.

The P. and O. steamer *Malta*, lying in the
Royal Albert Dock, was found to be on fire on
the night of the 8th ult., and the services of
several outside fire-engines were requisitioned
before the outbreak was subdued. Considerable
damage was done to the second hold and to a
portion of the cargo.

A distinguished journalist, and one who, in
the early fifties, was known as the "American
Pro-Raphaelite," passed away recently in the
person of Mr. W. J. Stillman. The deceased's
career was a particularly interesting one, for he
gave up art to enter the Consular Service of the
United States, and finally settled down to a
journalist's life, noting for many years as Rome
correspondent of the *Times*, and not resigning
his post until he had reached his 70th birthday.
It was while Consul in Crete that he closely
identified himself with the Cretan cause. In
earlier years he became associated with Kossuth
and the Hungarian movement for independence.

The *Bulletin Economique de l'Indo-Chine*
gives some figures of the trade of Indo-China
in 1900, which show that the commercial move-
ment has attained 341,650,772 francs during 1900,
being an increase over the previous year of
\$9,410,107 francs. It is the most important increase
that has taken place, largely surpassing all
previous increases since 1891. During the last
decade (1891-1900) the commercial movement of
Indo-China has passed from 136,437,358 francs to
the amount mentioned above, which means an aug-
mentation of 145 per cent. bearing mostly in
the last four years. Imports have attained
115,465,877 francs, being an excess over 1899 of
70,590,000 francs.

Advices from Paris state that M. Klobukowski
will return to Bangkok in August. It is put
forward that his mission consists mainly in
obtaining for France economic privileges equal
to those of other nations in the Mekong zone in
accordance with the promise the King of Siam
personally made to M. Doumer, Governor-
General of Indo-China. The *Petit Parisien*,
referring to the question, says that M. Klobu-
kowski's mission is a particularly delicate one,
as Siam has violated her moral engagements to
France by permitting English troops to trespass
in the buffer State. We are unaware of what
this consists, but as Siam is an independent
state she has as much right to grant such a per-
mission to a friendly power, on such terms, as
say, Switzerland.—*L. & C. Express*.

The *Globe's* St. Petersburg correspondent
wrote on the 1st ult.:—With the addition to the
squadron of the ironclad *Peresvet* and of two
torpedo transports of new type, the Russian
Pacific Squadron will be the largest in the
waters of the Far East. The greater part of
the vessels are new, and they belong to the best
that can be found in the Russian Navy. The
Pacific Squadron will in future consist of six
ironclads, six first-class armoured cruisers, two
second-class armoured cruisers, seven sea-going
gunboats, two torpedo transports, five sea-going
torpedo destroyers and a flotilla of torpedo-boats.
The total displacement of the squadron will be
143,527 tons, and its armament will consist of
216 heavy guns, and of 686 smaller quick-firing
guns. The heavy guns comprise 20 12 in., 4
10 in., 4 9 in., 24 8 in., and 164 6 in. guns.

The *London and China Express* of the 12th
ult. says:—Some interesting facts as to the
current prices of caries from China may be
gleaned from the catalogue of the Woodbury
Gallery, 87, New Bond-street, where a collection
of remarkable lot articles from Peking is on
view. One valuable lot of eight pieces of pure
jade taken from the Emperor's desk in the
Forbidden City of Peking is priced at £45,
while a bronze incense-burner inlaid with silver
and gold, used by the Emperor of China for
devotional purposes, is considered a bargain for
£50. For another remarkable bronze vase, 800
years old, inlaid with silver and gold, and used
with its fellow as flower-stands on either side of
the Emperor's Throne, the sum of £37 10s. is
wanted, and for an imperial robe and collar,
formerly the property of the Emperor, £225 is
asked. A book from the Imperial Library,
"subject, An Essay from the Emperor's pen
on one of the Provinces," is valued only at
£7 10s. The "lot," it seems, was "acquired by
a newspaper correspondent from Russian
soldiers," and its authenticity is guaranteed.
The Russian soldiers—thankful scapegoats in
this disgraceful episode—did their work ap-
parently very completely.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS'S SERVICE.

London, 10th August.

BOERS ACTIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA.
Lord Kitchener reports that a blockhouse
near Brandfort, Orange River Colony, was
rushed and captured by the enemy, after severe
fighting, on Wednesday night.
Kritzing's commando of four hundred men,
badly mounted, has crossed the railway to the
south of Conwy, Cape Colony.

London, 11th August.

CHINA EXPEDITION HONOURS
AND PROMOTIONS.

The *China Gazette* publishes the following
honours and promotions in connection with the
China Expeditionary Forces:—
Sir Claude Macdonald, Colonels Reid, Barrow
and Doward, and Sir Forth Singh are ap-
pointed Knights Commanders of the Bath.
Sir Norman Stewart, Generals Cummins and
Lorn Campbell, Colonels Bookey, Gardie,
Tipping and Bertie, Majors Bond and Ramsay,
are appointed Companions of the Bath.
Major-General Gascoigne is appointed
Knight Commander of St. Michael and St.
George. Commanders Connor, New South
Wales Contingent, and Tiskell, Victoria
Contingent, are made Companions of St.
Michael and St. George. Commander Elderton,
of the Royal Indian Marines, Majors Johnston,
Royal Artillery, and Percira, Grenadier Guards,
Captains Phillips, Griffin and Rowcroft,
Lieutenants Gausson and Babinbridge, Indian
Staff Corps, Captains Pell of the Queen's, Poole,
East Yorkshire, and Walwyn, Royal Welch
Fusiliers, receive the Distinguished Service
Order. General Gascoigne is promoted to Major-
General, and the Maharaja Sirdhis is appointed
Aide-de-Camp to the King.

The following have received promotion:—
Lieutenant-Colonel O'Sullivan, Royal En-
gineers, Woon and Pollock, Indian Staff
Corps, Majors Johnstone and Luke, Royal
Marines, Swan, Bower, Talbot, Mackenzie-
Kennedy, and Vaughan, Staff Corps, St. John,
Royal Artillery, Kne, Army Service Corps,
Captains Norrie of the Middlesex Regiment,
Gwynne, Royal Welch Fusiliers, Lee, Royal
Engineers, Jernyn, Shaw, Bromley, Napier,
Bingley, and Vaughan of the Staff Corps,
Wray, Royal Marines, and Veterinary Captain
Hazelton.

The following receive the Medal for
distinguished conduct in the field:—
Sergeants Murphy and Preston, Corporals
Johnson and Gwynne, and Private Myers of the
Royal Marines, Sergeant Taylor, and Privates
Crew, Dobson and Jackson, Royal Welch
Fusiliers, Haydar, Roshankhan, Hongkong-
Singapore Battalion, and Artillery Sergeant
Gidlenkwo of the Chinese Regiment.

The following Indian honours are also
announced:—
Major-General Gascoigne to be Knight Grand
Commander of the Indian Empire.
The Maharaja of Bikanir to be Knight
Commander of the Indian Empire.
To be Companions of the Indian Empire:—
Colonels Bainsford, Bedford, Scott-Moncrieff
and Waddell, Majors Watson and Scott,
Lieutenant Asafullah, of the Malor Kotla
Sappers, Subadar-Major Sardarkhan, Hong-
kong Regiment, and Yasinkhan, 24th Bengal
Infantry.

To be a Companion of the Star of India:—
Colonel Richardson of the Indian Staff Corps.

OBITUARY.

Signor Crispi, the Italian statesman, is dead.
GREAT IRON AND STEEL STRIKE
IN AMERICA.

The general iron and steel strike declared
by the American steel-workers has begun. The
Labour Federation and Mine Workers
Organisation are supporting the strikers.
THE LATE EMPRESS FREDERICK.
The remains of the late Empress Frederick
have been removed to Cronberg Church, where
they will rest temporarily. An impressive
service was held yesterday.

THE PARROT AND THE DUKE.

The *Daily Mail* Melbourne correspondent
says:—The Duke of Cornwall and York, when
out shooting on the Delamere estate in Victoria,
land during his week-end stay, a parrot, which
was one of the volantes of a patriarchal
colonel, a large Roush-leeked sulphur-headed
specimen—which had apparently made the very
utmost of its opportunities to acquire the
English language, such as it is spoken in the
Bush.

"Good old Bob! Well done, Bob! Well done!
Good Bob!" was the starting greeting which
arrested the royal speaker as he passed along
under the tree on which "Bob" was perched.
Of course, his Royal Highness stood, and
looked up.
"Well," came a defiant scowl from above him.
"Who are you, you snuff-coloured son of a
gun? Twig, oh! Twig! Well, I suppose you
may look at the King?"
Then, before the astounded and highly amused
Prince could recover his propriety, the bird,
whose language was "frequent and painful and
free," launched forth into such a tirade as
would have induced years back his condemned
it to instant execution.
The Duke appeared to be intensely amused
by it.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* arrived
at Yokohama at 10.30 p.m. on the 12th inst.,
and left again at 3 p.m. same day for Kobe,
where she is due to arrive at 3 p.m. on the 13th
inst.
The N.P. steamer *Glenlochy* has arrived at
Yokohama, and sailed for Tacoma on the 11th
inst.
The P. & O. steamer *Nankin* left Singapore
for this port on the 12th inst. at 4 p.m.
The C.P.R. steamer *Albatross* arrived at Kobe
on the 11th inst., and left again on the 13th inst.
for Shanghai.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE FOR THE LATE EMPRESS.

A special meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon at three o'clock to pass a resolution of condolence on the death of H.I.M. Empress Frederick, Princess Royal, there being present—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (SIR HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).

Hon. Col. L. F. BROWN, H.E. (Commanding the Troops).

Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C. (Acting Attorney-General).

Hon. Commander R. M. RUMSEY, R.N. (Harbour Master).

Hon. C. McI. MESSER (Acting Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. W. CHATHAM (Acting Director of Public Works).

Hon. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police).

Hon. C. P. CHATER, C.M.G.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

Hon. J. DUNN.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

Hon. Wai A YUK.

Mr. R. F. JOHNSTON (Acting Clerk of Council).

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council having been read and approved, His Excellency said—Honourable members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, I have summoned you to-day to take into consideration a resolution of condolence for the death of the late Empress Frederick, Princess Royal, and His Imperial Majesty the German Emperor on the death of the Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany, Princess Royal of England. When in those sad days in January the son and grandson met at Osborne to mingle their tears over the death of our great Queen, we did not expect that within eight months the two august monarchs would once more meet and themselves involved in common sorrow at the death of a beloved mother and sister-in-law, a bereavement that has placed two nations in mourning and has touched millions of German and British hearts with a common sentiment of sympathy. England has not forgotten the infinite charm of the Princess Royal with her far-reaching sympathies, and history will do justice to the great abilities and admirable qualities of the Dowager Empress Frederick and to the gentle fortitude with which Her Majesty bore in her later years afflictions and sufferings.

To us the melancholy yet presents itself of tendering to His Majesty the King and His Imperial Majesty the German Emperor our respectful condolences, and I beg to propose for your acceptance the following resolution—

"That the members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong desire humbly to express to His Majesty the King and His Imperial Majesty the German Emperor the sorrow with which they have received the intelligence of the death of the Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany, Princess Royal of England, and their deep sympathy with their Majesties in their bereavement."

The Hon. C. P. CHATER said—Your Excellency, I beg to second the resolution, and in doing so I am convinced that I represent the wishes of the community in general, including the Chinese. The loss sustained by His Majesty the King is a severe one, and the King has lost a dear sister, and the Emperor his beloved mother. The death of the Empress Frederick has been felt deeply in both Great Britain and Germany. As Princess Royal of England she made herself very popular, and in the Fatherland she very soon earned the esteem and affection of the people. In this colony, sir, we have a large German community, and we unite with them in condoling with the Sovereigns of the two countries in their great loss. This is the second time within the present year that the two nations have been drawn together by calamity. Let us hope that the feeling of sympathy and friendship will go on, deepening and broadening, not by losses of this kind, but by a forward movement of growing mutual regard, the result of better acquaintance. With these remarks, sir, I beg to second the resolution.

The resolution was accepted unanimously, and the Council adjourned sine die.

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 13th August.

Before Mr. HAZELAND.

A DISGUISED SOLDIER.

Private Robertson, R.W.F. clad himself in a suit of civilian clothes, the words for wear, but unfortunately for any plans that he may have formed to escape the monotony of a soldier's life in "garrison" at Hongkong, he got drunk, became disorderly, and was taken up by European P.C. 59.

Yesterday morning when he woke up, repenting of his escapade, he acknowledged himself a deserter from the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. The matter was communicated to the military authorities, and soon an escort came to the Central Station with a suit of regimentals for the deserter.

For being drunk and disorderly, he was fined \$3 or eight days. His other offence will be dealt with by the military authorities.

DAMAGING A RICKSHA.

Mr. Tooker, Acting Assistant Director of Public Works, charged a rickshaw with damaging his ricksha to the extent of \$5.

Mr. Tooker was being driven along Bonham Strand on Monday afternoon, when a truck pushed by defendant came the opposite way. When passing the ricksha, defendant swerved his truck toward the side on which the ricksha was, and before either could be stopped, ran into the latter, bending the axle and generally damaging the vehicle to the above-mentioned extent.

Defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 or seven days, and \$5 compensation to Mr. Tooker. The money was paid promptly.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF RUSSIAN.

A Chinaman for being in unlawful possession of 470 ounces of sugar, valued at \$28, was fined \$25, or six weeks' hard labour.

BEFORE MR. KEMP.

UNLAWFULLY ANCHORING JUNK.

A Chinese junkman was charged before his Worship the Judge with unlawfully anchoring his junk near the telegraph cable between Kowloon and the mainland, and was fined \$10 or fourteen days' hard labour.

BEWARE.

Of the Party offering imitations of MACNIVEN & CAMERON'S PENS.

They come as a boon and a blessing to men. The Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley. Sold at all Stationers.

MACNIVEN & CAMERON, Ltd., Waverley Works, Edinburgh. (1892-5)

LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA CAYLON.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London, 27th July.

EVACUATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

An official despatch states that a detachment of Steinacker's Horse occupying Brummersdorf were forced to evacuate the place on the 24th instant by a superior Boer force. They fought their way to Temboho, a distance of 16 miles, losing 11 men.

DISSENTED IMPERIAL YOUNG.

The Daily News states that 21 Imperial Youngmen refused to attend the medal presentation, and wrote to the King, stating that they had not received their arrears of pay.

GENERAL NEWS.

COUNTY CRICKET—THREE CENTURIES.

London, 25th July.

At Portsmouth to-day Hampshire beat Somerset by 113 runs, after declaring their second innings. Braund, for the losers, scored 111 runs.

The other county matches were drawn, owing to the rain; but two late matches gained themselves, Tyldesley scoring 170, and K. S. Ranjitsinhji 100, not out.

THE KING'S NEW TITLE.

London, 26th July.

Lord Salisbury last night introduced a Bill in the House of Lords, permitting a change in the King's title, which will probably be "King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of all British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, and Emperor of India." All colonies have been consulted and are agreed that a change is desirable.

ARMY REFORMS AND RECRUITING.

London, 26th July.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. St. John Brodick said he intended to apply the principle of Army decentralisation in the widest way. Three Army Corps would be established at Aldershot, Salisbury, and Ireland before the end of the year. He was unwilling to abolish the Army Board. No conflict existed between the Civil and Military heads of the War Office. Recruiting, he said, was still higher than formerly.

THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

London, 26th July.

The following is the result of the race for the Liverpool Cup—

Mr. P. J. Gilpin's ch. h. Mount Prospect, by Gallicus—Gretchen ... 1

Mr. E. Carrigan's b. f. Senner Vigilance, by Carbine—Senproata ... 2

Mr. E. Bomer's ch. f. Light Comedy, by Rose Window—Gaiety ... 3

CLOSE OF THE TUBERCULOSIS CONGRESS.

London, 26th July.

The Tuberculosis Congress has closed after adopting resolutions advocating the suppression of spitting in public places and the appointment of an International Committee to collect facts and distribute advice.

THE STEEL TRUST—UNFULFILLED EXPECTATIONS.

London, 27th July.

Conferees leaders of the Workman's Association, with Mr. Morgan and the heads of the Steel Trust, are proceeding secretly to New York. A general settlement is expected.

THE AMERICA CLUB.

London, 27th July.

Shamrock II has sailed for America, the steam yacht Erin escorting her.

REVISED GERMAN TARIFF.

London, 27th July.

It is believed that the Reichstag will largely amend the tariff, which even surprises the Agrarian party.

CRICKET—ABANDONED GAMES.

London, 27th July.

The matches between Sussex and Hampshire, at Eastbourne, and Lancashire and Gloucestershire, at Manchester, were drawn.

The matches between Surrey and Yorkshire, at the Oval (Lockwood's benefit), Worcester and Gloucestershire, at Worcester, Essex and Kent, at Leyton, and Somerset and Kent, at Nottingham, were all abandoned owing to rain, not a ball being bowled.

The following is the Championship table to date—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Percentage.
Yorkshire	21	16	1	4	15	85.23
Middlesex	8	4	1	3	3	60.00
Surrey	17	7	3	7	40	47.06
Lancashire	25	6	4	5	2	16.57
Sussex	13	4	3	5	1	14.8
Warwick	11	4	3	4	1	14.28
Hants	14	3	4	7	1	14.28
Notts	14	3	4	7	1	14.28
Essex	14	2	3	9	1	10.00
Gloucester	16	2	5	9	2	5.88
Kent	13	3	6	4	3	33.33
Somerset	11	3	7	1	4	4.00
Worcester	16	4	9	3	7	38.46
Leicester	14	2	9	3	7	38.46
Derbyshire	12	0	3	9	7	109.9

TEA IN PERSIA.

Calcutta, 27th July.

Mr. Foley has reached Seistan. He reports a successful journey, and recommends sending orange pekoe to Persia; four lots from different centres, preferably by the land route, because higher prices are obtained over sea-borne tea. The Russian frontier officials expressed preference for Indian tea. Mr. Foley intends sending a chest to the Shah of Persia.

FIGHTING THE MAD MULLAH.

London, 28th July.

The Mad Mullah was routed on the 17th instant, losing seventy in killed. The British lost 13 killed and 21 wounded.

OBITUARY.

London, 28th July.

The death is announced of the Bishop of Durham.

GREAT OPPOSITION TO NEW GERMAN TARIFF.

London, 28th July.

The German Roman Catholic, Radical, and Socialist newspapers oppose the new tariff as oppressive to the working man.

Vermicelli cut into little letters is a thing commonly found in modern soup. But it is not often that it saves a man from financial disaster, as it did in the following case. An American visitor England was dining in London the other day during the height of the subject, and boom. The talk turned on that subject, and the American, who had bought largely at high figures, maintained, against the general opinion, that the great prices rested on a solid business basis. Suddenly he saw in the spoonful of soup which he was raising to his lips four letters, forming the word "Sell." Some what shaken by this, for he was a man of a superstitious turn of mind, he went on with his soup in a troubled mood, until only six of the small white capsules remained floating on his plate. They spelled the word "Unload." He hastily rising, he emptied himself upon a pile of indigestion, and took a cab to the nearest open telegraph office. He asked his broker, ordering the immediate sale of all he held in railways. As New York time is five hours behind our own, the thing was done before the market closed. The next day the panic began. He had got out at the top of the market.

STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES.

EVIDENCE OF SIR ALEXANDER SWETENHAM.

The Select Committee of the House of Commons which is inquiring into the effect on trade of the granting of subsidies to steamship lines examined on the 9th ult. Sir Alexander Swetenham, late Colonial Secretary and Acting Governor at Singapore.

In answer to the Chairman, Mr. Evelyn Cecil, Sir A. Swetenham said it had been part of his duty to watch the course of trade with the Straits Settlements with a view to ascertaining whether British trade was holding its own. He gave the committee the figures showing the entries at Singapore in the years 1886 and 1899. The tonnage under the Belgian and French flags had made no progress between those two years, the German tonnage had more than doubled, the Japanese had increased 90-fold, and that of the United Kingdom had increased 20 per cent. In the case of Hongkong, American and German tonnage had nearly doubled, and French had made but little progress. The figures of the United Kingdom were 3,331,000 tons in 1886 and 4,362,000 tons in 1899. Proceeding to deal with the treaty ports of China, the witness gave the figures for the years 1888 and 1900, which showed that the trade of France with these ports amounted in 1888 to 125,000 tons and in 1900 to 261,000 tons; Germany to 316,000 tons and 638,000 tons; Japan to 139,000 tons and 774,000 tons; and of the United Kingdom to 2,019,000 tons and 3,240,000 tons. In explanation of the great increase in the Japanese figures, he pointed out that Japanese coal was very largely superseding English coal at Singapore. The want of progress in French trade was due partly to the fact that the French trader was not so clever as the German, and partly to the limiting effect which the protective policy of France had upon her foreign trade. The same tariff which was imposed on goods entering France was imposed on goods entering her colonies.

By Mr. Cecil—He did not doubt that the increase in foreign trade was due largely to subsidies. The increase was probably started by them. They had diminished British trade in the Far East, and had not only created new trade. Whether subsidies to English steamers would have a remedial effect would depend on the action of the shipping rings.

By Colonel Koppner—Whether the taxpayer would get full value for any subsidy paid depended on whether the company receiving the subsidy was managed in a businesslike manner. An investigation made by the Austrian authorities showed that they were not getting value for their money.

By Colonel Denny—Germany had been building and was now building boats in order to get as large a share as possible of the trade on the Yangtze.

Asked by Mr. W. Redmond whether he considered that subsidies were the cause of the more rapid development of the trade of some foreign countries, the witness said that so far as the action about which he had been talking was concerned, the British were first in the field; they had a very large amount of shipping in their possession, and other things being equal their trade ought to have developed at the same rate as that of others, if not faster. But certain foreign countries had increased their trade much more rapidly and effectively than we had, and it was found that they were paying subsidies.

In further examination by the Chairman, the witness explained the working of the Shipping Conference formed in 1897 in the Far East trade. The object of the conference, he said, was to raise freights, and it had been very successful in doing so, but it had certainly damaged Great Britain. By far the largest number of tramps were owned by this country, and they had been absolutely boycotted by the conference. English coal was generally brought to Singapore by tramp, but they could not get to Singapore at a great deal more than it ought. Again, the conference would not allow anything to be sent via the Cape. If subsidies were granted by the British Government, they would forward the interest of the conference quite as much as any other interest. It would enhance the profits of members of the ring, but would not benefit the public at all. It would simply be throwing so much more money into the pool.

The committee adjourned.

THE VLAKFONTEIN ALLEGATIONS.

In an article on the 12th ult. headed "Hushing up the Murders," the Daily Mail says—After waiting until proof has been piled upon proof that the Boers murdered wounded British officers and men after the battle of Vlakfontein, the Government were forced last night to admit, on the evidence of Lord Kitchener, that the statement of our war correspondent, Mr. Edgar Wallace, was not only true, but that they had been concealing the facts from the country since June 11 last.

Were it not that the whole terrible episode exhibits the intense desire of the Government to patch up peace by concealing the Boer in South Africa and the pro-Boer in England, the action of their mouthpiece, Lord Stanley, in the House of Commons on Monday last, when he threatened our correspondent, Mr. Edgar Wallace, that he would be "most severely dealt with," would appear to be inexplicable.

Not the least of the many ugly facts surrounding this sinister story is that while the Government were withholding from the people the news of the murders they were making out another of their several peace overtures to the Boers by allowing General Buller to send a cypher telegram to ex-President Kruger, with the result that Mr. Kruger administered a bomb to them in the form of a reply telegram to Smith, telling him, in effect, that if the Boers persisted in their guerrilla warfare the British Government would, in course of time, give way.

The Vlakfontein story is, however, a small portion of the policy of concealment now being carried on by the Government.

The Daily Mail has abundant evidence that almost the whole theatre of war in South Africa is in a much worse condition than the public is allowed to know.

The state of affairs in Cape Colony in particular, is after one year and nine months of warfare, of the most serious nature, and has been entirely to the belief among the Dutch that our constant efforts to propitiate the enemy prove that we are tired of the war.

While the Government is constantly saying in public, as Mr. Brodick did two nights ago, that the war will be fought to a finish, they are, as the country is now well aware, continually making offers of peace to the Boers.

To quote our courageous war correspondent, Mr. Edgar Wallace, "Why must not the correspondent say by telegram that we have burnt a farm from which a patrol was sniped? Why must he not tell you that British columns are making the Eastern Transvaal uninhabitable? Are you so falsely sensitive that you give your sanction to a war of which you cannot countenance the terrible incidents, or is it that the

strongest Government of Other Times lives in the fear of an Irish opposition?

"Why must you not be told that our wounded soldiers were brutally murdered? Is it because you would rather think of them as having fallen in action—a wish to spare your feelings? Or is it that your knowledge of the Boer character would block the way of yet another attempt that is ready to plaster up the ragged ends of an unfinished war?"

"Why are the comings and goings of conciliating counsels, the private meetings of Boer commanders and mutual friends kept secret?"

"Because the Government knows you are sick to death of these words—engagements that, and nowhere, that you wait for a finish. You have opined that the soldiers in the field are mistaken; it is the Government, speech-making Government, so dear to the applauding, unsuspecting electorate: so cheap to the wily Boer, who is waiting for his peace at almost any price."

MR. W. KESWICK AND A COPPER COMPANY CASE.

The following two actions were heard before Mr. Justice Farwell in the Chancery Division last month:

CACKETT v. KESWICK.—The action was brought by Mr. J. T. Cackett, an architect, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, against Mr. W. Keswick, M.P. for the Epsom Division of Surrey, and a partner in the firm of Matheson and Co. in the City, and other Directors of the Panuco Copper Company, to recover damages on the ground that he was induced to take the shares on the faith of a prospectus which omitted material particulars as to a contract entered into by the company. The defence shortly was, a denial that the prospectus was misleading, and a statement that a waiver clause it contained destroyed the plaintiff's right of action. It was said that there were many other cases of a similar nature down in the list, and that this was a kind of test action, and its decision would govern the remaining actions, provided the Court should hereafter think fit to make an order to that effect.

Mr. Justice Farwell, having reviewed the facts at length, and the authorities bearing on the subject, said he was of opinion that the plaintiff had made out a case against the defendants, and he would be entitled to damages, which would be the difference between the actual price he paid for the shares and their real value at the time. He directed an inquiry to ascertain what that amount should be.

Baty v. Keswick.—This action was brought by Mr. J. A. Baty, who carried on a banking business in Newcastle in connection with cattle dealers and butchers, against the same defendants. The plaintiff complained that he had been induced to underwrite 250 shares in the same company on the faith of the statements in a preliminary prospectus which had been shown him before the ordinary prospectus was issued to the public and prior to the Company being formed.

Mr. Justice Farwell, in giving judgment, said it differed from the first action in regard to the facts. Here the plaintiff had been induced chiefly by the names on the prospectus, and had not, according to his own admissions, read it through. He therefore came to the conclusion that he had failed to substantiate his claim, and he must give judgment in favour of the defendant.

The action was accordingly dismissed, with costs.

WATER RETURN.

LEVEL AND STORAGE OF WATER IN RESERVOIRS ON THE 1ST AUGUST, 1901.

LEVEL.	1900.	1901.
Tytam	0 ft. 1 in. 38 ft. 4 in.	
Pokfulam	1 ft. 0 in. 15 ft. 0 in.	
Wongnaichong	0 ft. 0 in. 45 ft. 0 in.	
STORAGE (GALLONS).	1900.	1901.
Tytam	385,528,000	145,260,000
Pokfulam	68,300,000	34,000,000
Wongnaichong	30,337,000	000
Total	484,165,000	179,260,000

CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN THE CITY OF VICTORIA AND HILL DISTRICT DURING THE MONTH OF JULY.

1900.	1901.
Consumption	122,795,000 128,131,000 gallons
Estimated population	207,000 213,900

CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN KOWLOON PENINSULA DURING THE MONTH OF JULY.

1900.	1901.
Consumption	8,717,000 13,255,432 gallons
Estimated population	28,300 37,000

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority.

The Morning Post gives an interesting account of the investigations of Captain E. R. Ross, T.M.S., civil surgeon of Melkita, Burma, into the origin of the tropical disease known as beriberi. He attributes it to a microscopic fungus growth, or germ, which he has found in rice and Jowar grain and in the rice liquor which coolies and Sepoys drink. It is pointed out that, curiously enough, when the poisoned beer outbreak was raging in Manchester not a few individuals discovered marked resemblances between the symptoms and those of beriberi. At the same time it was remarked by others that there was a well-known disease in the southern portion of Europe amongst the poor people who consumed large quantities of maize, arising from a mouldy condition of the grain. The symptoms were strikingly similar to those from arsenical poisoning, and it was suggested that much of the poisoning at Manchester might be due not to the mineral but to the employment of bad maize in the beer constituents. Mouldy maize and mouldy rice seem to produce similar consequences. It is strange that the poison set up by a vegetable fungus growth should be so similar as some have alleged to the effects of arsenical poisoning.

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Hongkong, 29th June, 1901. [1619]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

STEAMSHIP "TAIFU," FROM CHEFOO.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1901. [2045]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"IDOMENEUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.; in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on or after the 12th instant.

Optional Cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. Goods undelivered after the 16th instant will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godown, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 20th instant. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1901. [15]

STEAMSHIP "YARRA."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and from Havre, ex s.s. Bagdad, and from Bordeaux, ex s.s. Ville de Marseille, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before 5 P.M., TO-DAY, the 12th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 19th instant, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 19th inst., or they will not be recognised. All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 19th inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPAGNE, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1901. [2]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

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Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

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Hongkong, 14th August, 1901. [2061]

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Hongkong, 13th August, 1901. [2057]

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Hongkong, 9th August, 1901. [2058]

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Captain Th. Lehmann, will be despatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 14th August, 1901. [2059]

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Hongkong, 14th August, 1901. [19]

NOTICE.

THE GOVERNOR invites the Members of the Community to meet His Excellency in the COUNCIL CHAMBER TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 14th inst., at Noon, with a view to taking steps to carry out the suggestion of the Secretary of State that the Colony of Hongkong should contribute towards a Memorial of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

By Command,
(Sd.) J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1901. [2049]

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 357.

CHINA SEA.

DISCOVERY OF A DANGEROUS REEF TO THE EASTWARD OF THE GREAT YANGTZE BANK.

THE following Hydrographical Note by Lieutenant Commander W. O. LYNE, Commanding H. B. M. Surveying vessel "Waterwitch," is hereby circulated for general information:

"Hydrographical Note."

"H. M. S. Waterwitch,"

Shanghai, 1st August, 1901.

"A coral patch on top of a volcanic pinnacle rising abruptly from the bottom lies in Latitude 32 deg. 07 min. 15 sec. N., Longitude 125 deg. 11 min. E. It extends about a quarter of a mile in NE. and S.W. direction, and is about 60 yards wide; the least depth obtained is 18 feet, but less water probably exists."

"From the S.W. extreme of the patch for a distance of 1 mile in a S.W. by S. direction extends a rocky ledge, the least water obtained on which was 17 fathoms."

"Very heavy overfalls and tide-rips were seen on the patch, and they extended about 1 mile NE. and 1 mile SW."

"The shoalest spots are apparently at the extreme of the patch. At the NE. extreme the sea was breaking occasionally, and it would seem to be breaking all over the patch with a moderate sea running."

"The overfalls and tide-rips should be visible from a ship for at least a mile, and with a favourable light, the light-green colour over the coral patch should be seen from the same distance."

"There are depths of 27 to 30 fms., sand and mud, at a distance of about a quarter of a mile all round the patch, except where the rocky ledge extends, so the lead will give no warning until within the limit where the bottom becomes volcanic rock, corals and broken coral."

"This patch is probably identical with Costa Rica Bank, reported 1902; Santa Rosa, June 1900; Chiyeen Shoal, Sept. 1900; Bombay Discovered Water, October 1900."

"Tidal streams run very strong over and in the vicinity of the rock, and they are of a rotary nature. The stream was running South 2 knots an hour when the 'Waterwitch' was close to the patch."

(Sd.) W. O. LYNE,
Lieut. Commander.

By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs,

W. FRED TYLER,
Deputy Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 2nd August, 1901. [2040]

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BY
WILLIAM WESTALL
(Author of "Red Ryeington," "Frost Money," &c.)

Lifter's father was a tinker and a "bad lot." One Saturday night, being very drunk, he took his son Jack to his room, tossed him up and let him fall on the floor, so injuring the child as to endanger his life and retard his growth. Instead of growing to six feet something in his stockings, as being naturally robust and big-boned, he might have done, he was never more than four feet nothing in his shoes. Worse still he was deformed, one shoulder being higher than the other, his head tilted backward and his chin the obliquity of his appearance. But he was healthy as a Highlander and as nimble as a cat, and though plain not ugly, for such beautiful brown eyes as heaven had given the lad would have made even the missing link look human.

Jack had a hard upbringing. When he was three years old his father died, and a good riding suit, which was a great misfortune for her son, her disappearance leaving him quite alone in the world and without a kith or kin, and if a local tradesman had not given him board and lodging of a sort—in return for his services as an errand boy Jack would have had to go to the workhouse. When this resource failed him his got work in a brickfield, where he gave satisfaction, for though short he was strong and could carry a greater weight of bricks than any lad of his age.

This was in summer. In winter he had worse luck; and one exceptionally hard season, work in his native place falling utterly, he went on the tramp, and late on a dark January afternoon arrived in a northern village, where he fell in with a clergyman, who, struck by his wan face and short stature, questioned him.

Jack told his story, and the vicar, for such he was, being a good soul who did not hold that waifs and wanderers are necessarily rogues and vagabonds, gave him a square meal and the price of a night's lodging, and the next day found him a job, or rather two jobs—blowing the bellows of the church organ on Sundays and the bellows of the village smithy on week days, and making himself generally useful. For these services he was to have one shilling a week from the parson and one from the master smith (whose name was Smith), night quarters in a loft and his food.

In course of time came promotion as well as the church and the forge. The vicar, finding that Jack had a fine bass voice, put him in the choir, and the smith finding that he was strong, made him an only about twice the height of the little man, whirling the great sledge hammer round his head and striking showers of sparks from the glowing iron. He delighted in feats of strength and so developed his muscles by exercising himself with weights, that he could play with "fifty-sixes" as though they were toys.

While Jack was a boy his peculiar physique had not greatly troubled him. There was a chance of his growing—when it became evident that he would grow no more except in years and possibly in breadth, his shortness weighed on his spirits; the curious, too often impatient, glances which he encountered were torture to him. Pity hurt him as much as scorn, and a naturally fine disposition was in danger of being turned to gall and bitterness.

From this danger the consciousness of his bodily strength saved him. If he was the smallest man in Fernthorpe, he was also the strongest, and not the least sharp-witted. True, the girls eyed him askance and not one of them would have been seen walking out with so ungainly a sweetheart. But the men respected him because they feared him.

Once a burly waggoner, with whom he had a dispute as to the shoeing of a horse, said, that if he did not mind what he was doing he would put a lump on Jack's face as big as the one he had on his back.

Without a word, Jack threw one of his arms round the fellow's neck and on round his legs, and doubling him up like a pair of tongs threw him on the floor, where for several minutes he lay breathless.

"You'll keep a civil tongue if your head next time, I reckon. A man as can lift a horse can best two or three like you," quoth the master smith, when the waggoner had recovered his senses.

It was seldom indeed that aught out of the common ran a-bell at Fernthorpe, and when it was made known by flying posters that a circus was coming, among other attractions mentioned in the bills, were feats of strength by the strongest man in the world, and a performance entitled "Beauty and the Beast" by the Senorita Catalina Juanita, the famous lion-queen, and Nero, a magnificent specimen of his race from the wilds of Africa.

It was a chance that rarely occurred, as the posters put it. All Fernthorpe went, of course, and so many people came from the region round about that the tent was quite full.

After the usual equestrian feats, Hercules, the strong man, appeared, and did wonderful things with weights and iron bars. As a grand finale these were piled in a pyramid on an iron-bound board, which mighty load he raised from the ground and held above his head.

Then the circus master (whose name was Parrot) said that nobody but Hercules had ever lifted so great a weight, and offered to pay ten pounds to any man present who would raise the board, with its load, a foot from the ground.

Lifter, who had been watching the proceedings with great interest, leaped lightly over the barrier.

"You!" exclaimed the circus master, regarding him scornfully from his height of six feet two.

"Yes, me," answered Jack serenely.

"If he does it I'll give him five pounds out of my own pocket," said the strong man with a sarcastic laugh.

Jack threw off his coat, and bending to the task not only raised the board a foot from the ground but high above his head.

The spectators howled with delight; Hercules and his master exchanged glances of dismay.

"Well, you have done it, there is no doubt about that. We will settle with you after the performance, or to-morrow morning," said the circus man grudgingly.

"Now! Now!" shouted the spectators, whereupon, after a few whispered words with Hercules, he forced out three five-pound notes, and handed them to Lifter, who felt as though he had come into a great fortune.

"The next item in the programme is Beauty and the Beast," announced the circus master; then shouted, "Bring forth Nero the lion!"

Amid a blare from the band, a huge cage, mounted on a lorry drawn by four horses, was brought into the ring. The cage contained a lion, which though not full-grown looked quite big enough to eat either the circus-master or the strong man.

A carpet-covered step-ladder was set before the cage, and the next moment Senorita Catalina Juanita tripped into the arena; and after

outsteering right and left glided into the lion's den through the cautiously half-opened door.

Lifter's surprise was unspeakable. Never before had he beheld or imagined loveliness so great or daring so audacious. A tall sylph-like brunette was the senorita, with large black eyes, a passable complexion, not however without a trace of rouge, brilliant teeth and features that some people might not have considered either classical or refined. But Jack had not been bred in a fastidious school; he thought her beautiful beyond compare, and in his opinion the girl's rather light and airy costume, wherein bright colours predominated, and the "property" crown which encircled her brows, enhanced her charms. In short Jack had fallen in love. Catalina put Nero through his paces with perfect sang froid, showing neither hesitation nor fear, patting him on the head, made him raise first one paw and then another, and jump over her whip. Then she held in her hand paper-covered hoops through which Nero bounded at her bidding, and otherwise behaved as a well-bred beast in the presence of beauty ought to do.

The spectators, who had followed these proceedings with intense interest, hailed Catalina's exit with a burst of applause, which arose quite as much from a sense of relief that it was well over, as from admiration of her courage and address.

On the following day as Jack was returning from church, after morning service, deep in thought, he felt a tap on his shoulder and looking up beheld the circus master.

"Can I have a word with you, Mr. Lifter?" he said: then without waiting for an answer, added—"Would you like to make your fortune?"

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